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1. During the period from 10 to 17 October 1952, the cantonment along the trotting-race course in Berlin-Karlshorst was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and most of whom carried rifles and some sub-machine guns. From 200 to 300 soldiers organized into groups of up to 30 men were constantly engaged in field training between the cantonment and the trotting course. Other soldiers numbering about 200 were engaged in combat practice during the same period on the Wuhlheide race course. Prior to 4 October, about 20 wooden bunkers were erected along the north edge of the cantonment. The bunkers were used as practice targets in simulated attack practices held by groups of about 120 soldiers each. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the cantonment.

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2. On 4 October, about 240 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying rifles marched from the restricted Karlshorst area to the trotting-race course for field target firing practice with live ammunition and combat practice. There was unusually intensive vehicular traffic from and to the restricted area during the period from 10 to 17 October.

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